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**Agenda Item #3d**

To: Governing Board, SMBRC

From: Guangyu Wang, Deputy Director

Subject: Adoption of 2014 Updated Greater Los Angeles County IRWM Plan

**Actions Requested of the Governing Board:**

- Adopt the 2014 Updated Greater Los Angeles County IRWM Plan

**Background**

The SMBRC Governing Board has been asked by the County of Los Angeles to adopt the 2014 Updated Greater Los Angeles County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan and to authorize the Executive Director or his designee to vote as a member of the Regional Water Management Group for the Greater Los Angeles County Integrated Regional Water Management to adopt this Plan in accordance with Sections 10530 to 10546 of the California Water Code. These actions will enable the Regional Water Management Group for the Greater Los Angeles County Integrated Regional Water Management to improve regional water resources management practices, as well as qualify it for future grant funding for water resources-related projects.

The State of California Department of Water Resources (DWR) created the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Program to encourage integrated regional strategies for managing water resources and to provide funding for both planning and implementation of projects that support management of water supply, water quality, environmental interests, drought protection, flood protection, and reduction of dependence on imported water.

Agencies in the Los Angeles County area have long recognized the importance of regional collaboration and integration of single purpose efforts. Agencies now regularly work across jurisdictional boundaries to implement regional projects and programs that address multiple water resource management issues including recycled water, stormwater capture, water use efficiency, and many others. The Greater Los Angeles County (GLAC) IRWM Plan is an outgrowth of these ongoing efforts and is an acknowledgement by these agencies that integration and cost-sharing is the key to meeting the County of Los Angeles area's future water resource management challenges.

The DWR and State Legislators have established program guidelines for the IRWM Program through Proposition 84 and Proposition 1E (2012 Guidelines). The 2014 Updated GLAC IRWM Plan addresses the provisions of Proposition 84 and Proposition 1E and meets the requirements of the 2012 Guidelines.

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The IRWM Program requires IRWMs to be administered by the Regional Water Management Groups (RWMG). The RWMG for the GLAC IRWM is responsible for the preparation and adoption of the GLAC IRWM Plan. The 2012 Guidelines require the governing bodies of member agencies of the RWMGs, the RWMG representatives of the governing bodies, as well as proponents of projects included in IRWM grant funding proposals to adopt an updated IRWM Plan.

Adopting the 2014 Updated GLAC IRWM Plan will enable participants in the GLAC IRWM to apply for future grant funding under various grant programs including Proposition 84 and Proposition 1E. The 2012 Guidelines include acceptance of IRWMs into the grant program; IRWM Plan standards and guidance; solicitation, submittal, and review of grant applications; and awarding of grant funding in accordance with Section 10541 (f) of the California Water Code. The RWMG of the GLAC IRWM has previously accepted funds from these grant programs, including funding to update the GLAC IRWM Plan.

The SMBRC serves as the Open Space Water Management Representative of the RWMG for the GLAC IRWM and is required to adopt the 2014 Updated GLAC IRWM Plan in order to continue participating. SMBRC staff has been active in all aspects of the IRWM Plan process.

The proposed resolution, as recommended by DWR, is attached.



RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE  
SANTA MONICA BAY RESTORATION COMMISSION  
APPROVING THE ADOPTION OF THE 2014 UPDATED GREATER LOS ANGELES  
COUNTY REGION INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission (SMBRC) and agencies in the Greater Los Angeles County (GLAC) area have long recognized the importance of regional collaboration and integration of single purpose efforts and now regularly work across jurisdictional boundaries to implement regional projects and programs that address multiple water resource management issues including local and imported water supplies, sanitation and recycled water, stormwater management, groundwater management, water use efficiency, habitat and open space management, and many others; and

WHEREAS, the State of California Department of Water Resources (DWR) created the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Program to encourage integrated, regional strategies for managing water resources and to provide funding for both planning and implementation of projects that support management of water supply, water quality, environmental interests, drought protection, flood protection, and reduction of dependence on imported water and many other; and

WHEREAS, organizations participating in the IRWM Program join together to form IRWM Regions; and

WHEREAS, the IRWM Region serving the GLAC area is known as the GLAC IRWM; and

WHEREAS, the GLAC IRWM engages in regional water resources planning for the GLAC area; and

WHEREAS, DWR recognizes the GLAC IRWM as an official IRWM Region; and

WHEREAS, the IRWM Program requires that a Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) be formed to establish an IRWM Region; and

WHEREAS, SMBRC is a member of the RWMG for the GLAC IRWM and serves as the Open Space Water Management Representative of that body; and

WHEREAS, DWR and State Legislators have established program guidelines for the IRWM Program through Proposition 84 and Proposition 1E (2012 Guidelines); and



WHEREAS, the RWMG for the GLAC IRWM is responsible for the preparation and adoption an IRWM Plan; and

WHEREAS, the RWMG for the GLAC IRWM has developed the 2014 Updated GLAC IRWM Plan to addresses the provisions of the 2012 Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, SMBRC actively participated in the development of the 2014 Updated GLAC IRWM Plan; and

WHEREAS, adopting the 2014 Updated GLAC IRWM Plan will enable participants in the GLAC IRWM, including the SMBRC, to apply for future grant funding under various grant programs including Proposition 84 and Proposition 1E; and

WHEREAS, on June 21, 2011, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors accepted Proposition 84 Planning Grant funds from DWR, together with funding contributions from members of the RWMG for the GLAC IRWM, to fund the development of the 2014 Updated GLAC IRWM Plan; and

WHEREAS, the 2012 Guidelines require the governing bodies of member agencies of the RWMGs, the RWMG representatives of the governing bodies, as well as proponents of projects included in IRWM grant funding proposals to adopt an updated IRWM Plan; and

WHEREAS, to date, DWR has awarded the GLAC IRWM Forty Eight Million and 00/100 Dollars (\$48,000,000.00) in grant funding to implement 27 regionally significant water resources management projects and has recommended the award of an additional Twenty Three Million Four Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$23,400,000.00) for 13 more projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Board of the SMBRC:

1. Adopt the 2014 Updated GLAC IRWM Plan;
2. Authorize and direct the Executive Director or his designee, in their role as a member agency of the RWMG of the GLAC Region IRWM, to vote at the appropriate time to adopt the 2014 Updated GLAC IRWM Plan.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted on the 19th day of June, 2014, by the SMBRC Governing Board.

BY:

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